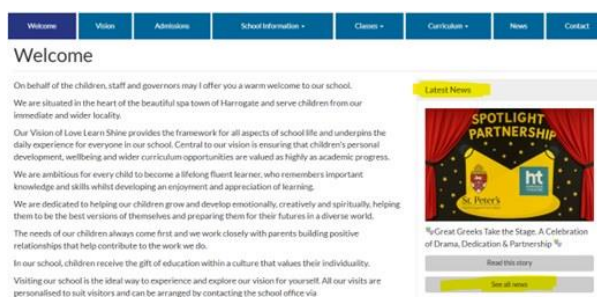


NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. Thank you for making the time to read this information each week as it is a key part of our communication with you. This letter and previous versions can be found in the letters section of our website. Please also see the additional letter accompanying the newsletter this week with regard to the whole school pantomime trip later this half term.

Latest News - Website News Feed



 **Stay Connected with School Life - Visit Our Website [News Section](#)** 

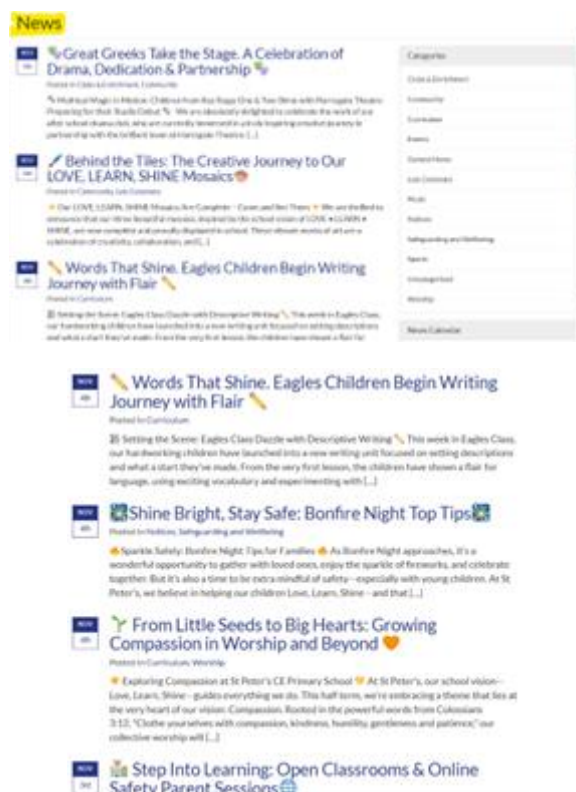
Want to see what's happening in our classrooms and across the school? Our [News Section](#) on the school website is the best way to stay in touch with the learning, creativity, and achievements taking place every day.

You'll find photos, examples of children's work, and updates from across the classes – from exciting classroom projects to whole-school events. It's a great way to celebrate our children's efforts and share in their successes.

 The News Section can be found by this link [here](#).

Take a look and see what makes St Peter's a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.

👁️ Take a look at one of the 15 plus posts we have shared this week. There is something for everyone from information about our new collective worship theme, online and firework safety tips plus a host of glimpses into classroom learning and after school club activities to name but a few.



Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of [Love Learn Shine](#). We will use this section of the newsletter each week to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

🛡️ November Tips for Safer Surfing – Don't Miss Out.

The November edition of our Online Safety Newsletter is now available and packed with practical advice for families. This month's focus includes:

- Keeping school WhatsApp groups respectful and positive
- Understanding WhatsApp Channels and the CapCut app
- Age ratings for popular apps and games
- Talking to children about online roasting (cyberbullying)
- NSPCC's Techosaurus – a fun way to explore online safety with younger children

📖 Read the full newsletter [here](#).

🌟 Let's keep supporting our children to Love, Learn and Shine — online and beyond. 🌟



Together for Safer Digital Lives – Thank You for Joining Us

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Online Safety Workshops this week. We were delighted to welcome so many families to these valuable sessions, which ran alongside our Open Classrooms event.

Led by our Trust Safeguarding Lead, Keri Standen, the workshops offered practical, personalised advice on keeping children safe online. Keri's unique perspective — as both an accredited CEOP internet safety trainer and a parent of two — made the sessions especially relatable and impactful.

We're incredibly grateful to Keri for sharing her expertise and to all the parents who took time out of their day to engage in these important conversations. Your commitment to supporting your children's digital wellbeing is truly appreciated.

If you weren't able to attend, don't worry — resources and follow-up information will be available on our website and in future newsletters.



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Internet Safety

Awards

This weeks SHINE AWARD winners are.....

Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens – Dimitrios & Ted

Kingfishers – Billy & Roxie

Sparrows – Freddie & Augustin

Year 3/4

Owls – Octavia & Finley

Starlings – William & Seb

Year 5/6

Hérons – Liliana & Naomi

Ravens – Freddie & Michelle

Eagles – Anna & Adnan



1 - Golden Light Switch Award

The Golden Light Switch award is presented each week to the class who have earned the most eco points throughout the week. Points can be earned every day by switching off the lights and smartboard when classrooms are not in use. The winning class will keep the trophy in their classroom for the whole week.

And the winners this week are.....

EY & KS1 - Sparrows

Sharing Our Shine

Share Your Shine with Us

We love to hear about the activities children and families are involved within beyond school.

In this section we like to share the shine of our children and families from beyond school life. It might be an individual or team sporting achievement, musical group, a new hobby or a family adventure. Just let us know your news with any photos and we could be featuring you here next week.

If you would like to share some news for this section, please email it to admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk.



2 - Could it be you featured here next week?

Diary Dates - All diary dates are now on the Arbor Parent Portal

The term dates for 2025-2026 are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

- **Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 November** - Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park - Year 6 children
- **Tuesday 11 November** - Remembrance - All children to observe 2 minutes silence with their peers
- **Friday 14 November** - Children in Need Day - Children must wear usual school uniform but can wear a spotty accessory. Please bring a minimum £1 donation or donate on Arbor
- **Monday 17 November** - Nasal Flu Vaccine
- **Tuesday 18 November** - 1.30pm - St Aidan's Trust Performance of FAME - Year Groups attending TBC.

- **Thursday 20 November** - Likely KS2 Movie Night - 3.15 – 5.30 - Children in Key Stage Two (Years 3 – 6)
- **Friday 28 November** - Walk to School Day – Walking Bus - All welcome
- **Saturday 29 November** - FOSP School Christmas Fare - All Welcome - 12.00 – 2.00pm
- **Monday 1 December 2025** - Advent Music Concert – Choirs and Recorder Groups - 4.30pm – 5.15pm (All welcome to attend – Venue TBC)
- **Tuesday 9 December** - 2:00pm - Nativity Dress Rehearsal - EY and KS1 All families welcome - St Paul's Church (Next to school)
- **Tuesday 9 December** - 5:00pm - Nativity Evening Performance - EY and KS1 All families welcome - St Paul's Church (Next to school)
- **Wednesday 10 December** - 2:00pm - Nativity Day Time Performance - EY and KS1 All families welcome - St Paul's Church (Next to school)
- **Friday 12 December** - Whole School Pantomime Trip – Harrogate Theatre - All classes
- **Wednesday 17 December** - Christmas Jumper Day and school Christmas Lunch - All Classes
- **Thursday 18 December** - 9.30am - St Peter's Church - Christmas Church Service - All welcome
- **Friday 19 December** - 1.15pm - Carols at the Alms Houses - All classes & families welcome
- **Friday 19 December** - 2.00pm - School closed for Christmas Holidays - All classes

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- **Monday 5 January** - INSET Training Day – School closed to children - All classes
- **Tuesday 6 January** - School reopens for the start of the spring term - All Classes
- **Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 January** - Parent Consultation - Appointments for parents of children booked via Arbor - 3.45 – 8.15pm

General News

Pantomime Visit

 ***Love, Learn, Support: Helping FOSP Funds Go Further***

A Little Help Goes a Long Way. 🤝

We're so grateful for the continued support from our wonderful parent community. As we plan upcoming events, we'd love to make FOSP funds stretch even further — and one simple way to help is by maximising parental contributions for pantomime tickets.

Every ticket purchased helps us reduce costs and raise more for the school, directly benefiting our children's learning and experiences. Your generosity makes a real difference!

Thank you for considering this request and for all you do to support St Peter's. 🤝

👉 For full details of this visit and how parents can make voluntary contributions please see the main letter in the [letters section](#) of our website.



🧦 Odd Socks & Big Messages: Anti-Bullying Week Begins! 🌈

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 kicks off at St Peter's on Monday 10 November with Odd Socks Day — a fun and meaningful way to celebrate what makes us all unique! Children are invited to wear their brightest, oddest socks to school to mark the start of the week and show that it's okay to be different.

This year's theme, inspired by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, encourages children to explore how kindness, respect and inclusion help everyone feel safe and valued. We'll be using resources from the [anti-bullying alliance](#) to support learning and reflection across the school.

We're especially keen to ensure all children can take part before our Year 6 pupils head off on their residential, so Odd Socks Day is a great way to get involved early!

At St Peter's, we believe that when we Love, Learn, Shine together, we build a community where bullying has no place and every child feels proud to be themselves.



Learning, Giving, Remembering.

Preparing for Remembrance.

As we approach Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11 November, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to the children who have helped us begin our reflections by selling poppies and poppy-themed items during playtimes and lunchtimes this week.

Your generous donations go directly to the Royal British Legion, supporting veterans and their families and we're so proud of the thoughtful way our children have embraced this important cause.

Next week, each class will take part in learning and discussions around why we observe Remembrance Day, and we will join together in a respectful two-minute silence to honour those who have served and sacrificed.

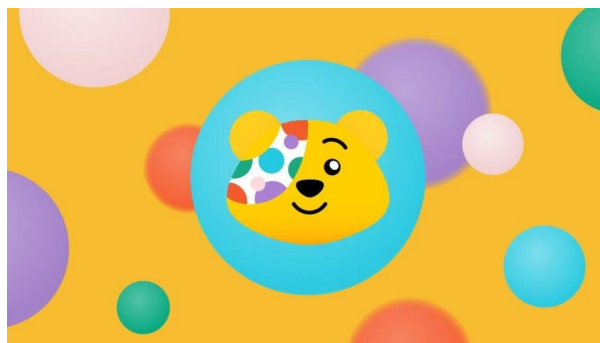
At St Peter's, we believe that through Love, Learn, Shine, we grow not only in knowledge but in compassion and understanding and this week has been a beautiful example of that.



Children in Need Day – Friday 14th November

- **Dress Code:** Usual school uniform, but children may wear **spotty accessories** to join in the fun.
- **Donations:** We're aiming to bring "**Pound for Pudsey**" – either: In person (cash) Or donate via **Arbor**
- **Cake Stall:** All proceeds on this day will go directly to **Children in Need**

Thank you for supporting this great cause!



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

 Curriculum News Now Online!

A New Home for Curriculum News  Learning Updates Made Easy for Families

Following the wonderful feedback, we received about our regular updates to the News section of the school website in the week before half term, we're excited to share a small but meaningful change to how we communicate with families.

To make it easier for everyone to access regular content about school life and curriculum learning, we've now moved the Curriculum News section from the weekly newsletter to the [News section](#) of our website.

This change means families can now scroll through updates at their own pace, exploring the articles that interest them most whether it's a peek into classroom learning, a celebration of pupil achievements, or a spotlight on special events.

We hope this makes staying connected with your child's learning journey even more enjoyable and accessible. It's all part of our commitment to helping every child Love, Learn, Shine.



✨ Explore School Life at Your Leisure

Simply click [here](#) to access all articles in the news section.

📖 Curriculum News Now Online!

Community News



Founded in February 2024 after one WhatsApp group went viral, [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) is now a community of over 350,000 parents working together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

We've made it our mission to provide solidarity, support and solutions to parents who are struggling with what's become one of the defining parenting challenges of our time.

And we're using the voice of our community to push for more support from the government in the battle to reclaim childhood from Big Tech's addictive algorithms.

Sign the pact [here](#).



🚲 St Peter's Church Bike Repair Day – Saturday 15th November 🚲

St Peter's Church is hosting a Bike Repair Day on **Saturday 15th November** from 10am to 3pm. Families are warmly invited to bring along their bikes for repairs — all for a small donation to the church.

Whether your bike needs a quick fix or a bit of TLC, this is a great opportunity to get it road-ready before winter. If you have a bike you no longer need, donations are also welcome and will be gratefully received by the church.

Come along, support a good cause, and keep your wheels turning!



Henshaws Charity Festive Showcase, a joyful evening of music, performance and community celebration at Ripon Cathedral. It's always such a special event, filled with warmth, laughter and festive spirit and we'd love for the local community to be part of it. It's a lovely opportunity for an evening out together in the run-up to Christmas, and a chance to see the creativity and talent of the people we support here at Henshaws. Please see further details below.

Date: Monday 24th November 2025

Venue: Ripon Cathedral

Time: Doors open at 6.45pm, performance begins at 7.00pm

You can find full details and book tickets via our website here: [Henshaws Festive Showcase](#)

We'd be so pleased to welcome you. Every ticket purchased helps us continue supporting people with sight loss and disabilities.

Information for school families - Harrogate & District Community Action

[Help at Home](#)

Our part time handyman and volunteers can help you around the home with jobs including painting, basic DIY and small repairs, odd jobs e.g. moving furniture, clearing out a shed, taking items to the tip etc. and annual garden tidy up (spring and summer months only). We charge £25 per hour and you would pay for any materials we use (e.g. paint). We do not charge you for travel time and there is no VAT to pay. Before we begin the work we will discuss the costs depending on the job required and your own personal circumstances. The

length of our waiting list varies but we will get to you as soon as we possibly can. Contact the team at help@hadca.org.uk

Household Support Fund - help available in North Yorkshire

Anyone who has received a letter telling them that they are eligible for a Household Support Fund payment, must select their e-vouchers by 12 November 2025. Everyone who is eligible will have received a letter. The eligibility criteria for this phase of the Fund has been updated based on guidance from the Department for Work and Pensions, so people who have received a payment in a previous phase may not this time and other may be receiving a payment for the first time. Find out more on [North Yorkshire Council's website](#).

Harrogate Repair Cafe

Third Saturday of the month

Friends Meeting House, Harrogate

A monthly drop in session where members of the public can bring household items in need of repair and the wonderful volunteers will do their utmost to fix them for a small donation. Sessions are held on the third Saturday of each month from 12-4pm at the Friends Meeting House, Queen Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5PP.

Older Sibling Group

6 November, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Unit 9, Claro Court Business Centre, Claro Road, Harrogate HG1 4BA

A new group for young people (aged 11-16) who have a disabled brother or sister. A safe space to meet others with similar experiences run by people with personal and professional experience. More details and sign up form [here](#)

Christmas Kindness 2025

We often get asked how people can get involved in their community at Christmas. The Christmas Kindness page of our website outlines all the little (and big) ways you can contribute to your community over the festive season.

Ohana Charity - Supporting Special Families

[Ripon Parent Carer Group](#) monthly on Friday mornings 10am - 12noon.

[Harrogate Parent Carer Group](#) monthly on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am.

A safe space to share experiences, seek advice, and gain encouragement from fellow parents and carers facing similar challenges raising a child with special educational needs or a disability. Whether looking for practical tips, emotional support, or simply a friendly chat, these groups are to help carers feel supported and empowered.

Warm Spaces this winter

HADCA has a list of local community spaces and venues that offer a warm welcome this winter. Community venues, churches and local libraries are friendly, safe and inclusive places, offering not just warmth but a place to enjoy the company of others, and maybe a hot drink or an opportunity to join in activities. Find out where you can receive a warm welcome <https://hadca.org.uk/WarmWelcome>

Kindness Festival

Saturday 17th January, 11am – 3pm

St Aidan's School, Harrogate

A return of the popular family event featuring free games, crafts and activities for children, as well as healthy food available for your family. See poster attached and visit the Facebook page for more information <https://fb.me/e/3SLvoSMve>

Suicide prevention support

In North Yorkshire children, young people and their parents can access emotional health support through the [Go-To website](#). A life is lost through suicide every two hours in the UK but suicidal thoughts and feelings affect thousands of us every single day. Knowing the signs of self-harm and suicidal ideation and what to do can make a significant difference. There is [information for parents and carers](#) on the NYSCP website. [Papyrus](#) offer education and training sessions.

Kinship Charity (was Grandparents Plus) Support and advice for kinship carers – friends or family who step up to raise a child when their parents aren't able to. Kinship provide free online workshops and advice, an Advice Line and a peer-to-peer telephone support service.

There is also a local group: [Harrogate and Knaresborough Kinship Carers Support Group](#) First Thursday of each month, 11:00am to 1:00pm at Knaresborough Library.

SEN Youth Club

Thursday evenings

Skills Bridge - Harrogate Skills for Living and Artizan Cafe and Creative Space are working together to offer social nights aimed at those with SEN aged 16+. Upcoming events include Karaoke, Bingo and Movie Nights. Contact cafe@hs4lc.org.uk to book your place or to find out more about the youth club.

Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation

Premier League Kicks Sessions

Young people of all abilities, genders and backgrounds welcome. You can sign up [here](#)

Monday - Ripon - 4 - 5pm

Monday (12-16 years old) - Knaresborough - 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesday - Bilton - 6 - 7pm

Tuesday - Rossett Sports Centre - 8 - 9pm

Wednesday - Great Ouseburn - 4.45 - 5.45pm

Thursday (7-11 years old) - Knaresborough - 4 - 5pm.

Leeds Credit Union Leeds Credit Union are a non-profit, mutual that offers straightforward, affordable financial services. As a mutual, there are no shareholders; it is owned by its members and always has the interests of the members at the heart of everything it does. From Christmas Clubs to spread the seasonal costs, to personal loans to cover those extra expenses. **Anyone who lives or works in HG postcodes are eligible to join and utilise a range of products.** Find out more at: leedscreditunion.co.uk

HADCA local resources

A reminder that our website has useful, local information on support and activities available in the local area. Visit www.hadca.org.uk

